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**EPA HELPS  
PROTECT  
HERCULANEUM  
CHILDREN BY  
ORDERING  
FASTER LEAD  
CLEANUP**

To help protect the health of children in Herculaneum, Mo., the Region 7 office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has ordered the Doe Run Company to accelerate its cleanup of lead-contaminated residential properties in the city.

EPA has negotiated a Consent Order that requires the company to clean up properties where children live, and where elevated levels of lead are present in children's blood and in residential soils. The interiors of these properties will also be cleaned as part of the Order.

In addition, the Order requires Doe Run Co. to develop an enforceable plan for the transportation and handling of contaminated materials entering and leaving its lead smelter in Herculaneum.

Region 7 Administrator Jim Gulliford said, "This is an Order that helps safeguard the health of children in this community." This action supports EPA's continued commitment to the protection of sensitive populations, including children.

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